

THE POLITICAL HOROSCOPE

We gather from the esteemed New York Age, that Mr. Fortune is not pleased with the treatment the Negro is receiving at the hands of Mr. Seligman's reform administration. Mr. Fortune's protest is a just one. It appears that nearly every race element is recognized except ours and all were accorded a cheerful audience. Mr. Lowman was the Citizens' Protective League's "kick" by solemnly pointing to a lone clerkship as our reward for the part we played in the unhorsing of Tammany. And what is the Negro republican of Gotham going to do about it? Has Brother Fortune ever noticed that when there is a big wave of "reform," reduction of force or retrenchment of expenses, the loyal black republican invariably gets it in the region that the chicken and the ax collided?

At the last city election, Indianapolis, went republican through the return of Negro voters that had strayed over to the democrats because of the generosity of Col. "Tom" Taggart. Now that the city has been "redeemed" the new mayor is not dealing out patronage in quantities to suit the "faithful." Hence there are rumors of war Indiana Negroes are awfully independent and it may not be wise to fool with them. Election days are frequent in "hoosierdom" and every vote counts. A United States senatorship is tied up in the next legislature.

For the first time in the history of Baltimore, a colored man was appointed recently to represent the city on a municipal board and the appointment came from a Democratic mayor and was made upon the recommendation of a colored Republican member of the city council. Hon. Harry S. Cummings, who was the first colored man to be elected to office in Baltimore, had conferred upon him the additional honor of being the first colored man to be appointed by the mayor upon the board of managers of Cheltenham House of Reformation.

Tickets for 1904 are already being brought forward for discussion. President Roosevelt heads all combinations as favorite for first place. For second place we hear Fairbanks of Indians most frequently mentioned, as a means of keeping in touch with the McKinley organization. Pritchard has many friends. Foraker has a strong following, and Bradley, Shaw, W. Scott, and others are favorably mentioned.

Under the new census New Jersey has an Afro-American population of 69,884, or 13,975 voters, a clear balance of power. We feel sure that Bishop Walters, Editor Fortune, Prof. Lawson and Mr. Herbert will not allow this fact to escape the attention of the New Jersey dispensers of patronage.

Last week's appointments by the President included Herschel V. Cashin, as receiver of public moneys at Birmingham, Ala., and Charles R. Jackson, as postmaster at Darien, Ga.

It is not believed that Register Lyons is shedding any briny tears over the decapitation of Postmaster Sallings who got into the Augusta, Ga., post office with a "jimmy."

People are inquiring why Senator McComas is not enthusiastic on the subject of educating the Negro voter,

even to the point of being able to read his ballot.

Would a division of the Negro vote reduce the desire of the Maryland democrats for a "jim crow" cat?

And why is the voice of James C. Matthews not lifted up in the New York atmosphere?

What has become of the old-line strenuous advocates of the division of the Negro vote?

A correspondent writes to ask The Colored American how many colored clerks have escaped the Merriam axe at the Census Office. We are unable to answer as the reductions have been heavy all along the line, and many heads, white and colored, have been laid low. Every body is on the anxious seat just now.

It is stated upon good authority that Recorder Dancy will reorganize his office upon a strictly business basis.

Hon. H. P. Cheatham will be a candidate for Congress from the second district of North Carolina.

It is feared that Postmaster M. B. Morton will not be appointed at Athens, Ga. Color is given as the objection.

The case of Collector J. H. Deveau, of Savannah, Ga., is being considered by the President.

A prominent colored divine remarked the other day that the time had almost come for him to exclaim that party preference, so far as the colored people were concerned, means nothing, and they had as well make up their minds to be independent in politics. — New Light, Columbus, Miss. Does "independence" mean democracy or "split tickets"?

Col. W. A. Pledger has returned to Georgia. Whether gladder or sadder, the colonel is so imperturbable that the net result of his visit is an unsolved problem.

Editor Fortune has been in town this week. As the energetic New Yorker does not run to Washington for his health, it is safe to wager that there is "something doing."

The Kentucky pie-hunters have returned to their homes singing wearily "I wonder will he answer if we write."

The Greatest of All Negroes at the National Capital.

Rev. Justus J. Evans, President and Founder of the G. W. Wisdom College Divine National Negro Union, is now in Washington City, at 467 Missouri avenue, and he desires to speak to and look in the faces of all the good spirited Negroes in Washington. He aims to form a company of 25,000, in this city out of volunteers to help build prosperity for the Negro people. Good natured ladies and gentlemen will be appreciated if they will give him an early call. He will lecture if doors are opened up to him, and will preach if invited. He is a hero for God and Wisdom in the field of battle for the good of his people, and is the editor of The Light of the World and wants agents. See him at 467 Missouri Avenue. He is the greatest of all Negro leaders. adv.

A Kentucky Leader Dead.

Dr. Henry Fitzburr, widely known physician, surgeon, editor, race leader, founder and dean of the National Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky, is dead. He was born in Canada in 1837, graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Michigan in 1872, and was the pioneer colored physician of Kentucky, having located in Louisville in 1872. His demise occurred in Louisville, December 28. He leaves a large family, all of whom are prominent in the affairs of their community.

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